# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Good health is the more precious of a person's assets; and,

WHEREAS, The medical record is a key to continuing health care; and,

WHEREAS, The need for accurate and efficient medical records grows with the advent of more complex systems of health care and data related services; and,

WHEREAS, Medical records are kept in all health facilities that provide patient care; and,

WHEREAS, Medical records are the starting point for development of new methods of diagnosis and treatment; and,

WHEREAS, Well-kept medical records assist physicians and other health care providers in caring for their patients; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Medical Record Association is composed of medical record administrators and medical record technicians employed in hospitals, extended care facilities, group practices, health centers, and other medical record and medical data related positions; and,

WHEREAS, The standard of excellence of the work performed by members of the South Dakota Medical Record Association sets an example to which others should aspire; and,

WHEREAS, The Medical Record professionals have a continuing goal, individually and collectively, to improve the quality and efficiency of medical record documentation and the protection of the patient's right to privacy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 9 through 15, 1988, as

MEDICAL RECORD WEEK

in South Dakota, and recognize the South Dakota Medical Record Association for their professionalism, dedication, and the vital role they play in the health care delivery system in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fifth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

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GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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